

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2009

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt (In the Chair)

Councillors R Belcourt, D Briddock, M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James, S W Hayward, Mrs R J Griffiths, M J Lyons, S Matthews, A Mayne, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillor Mrs A Mayne

The Mayor invited Reverend Tony Windross to open the meeting with prayers.

282/09 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was recorded that the previously received Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths had been signed, she having previously read the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

283/09 APPOINTMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEES

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY; Councillor S W Hayward and

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Standing Order No 42, in relation to the appointment of Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths to Standing Committees, it was reported that Councillor Mrs R J Griffiths be appointed to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Plans & Works Committee for the remainder of the ensuing Civic Year.

284/09 PORTRAIT OF MR C RAMSHAW

The Council received the portrait of Mr C Ramshaw dressed as a Beefeater and Mr D Bradley provided an account on the background of Mr C Ramshaw.

285/09 ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting now stand adjourned so as to enable the Finance & General Purposes Committee to conduct its business.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be re-convened.

286/09 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 5TH NOVEMBER 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th November 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

287/09 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor D Owen declared a personal interest in Min No /09 – Remembrance Sunday & Civic Procession – husband of the writer of the letter.

Councillor A J Ewart-James declared a personal interest in Min No /09 – Remembrance Sunday & Civic Procession – his wife might be affected by the outcome.

288/09 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70

There was no adjournment.

289/09 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 The Mayor gave good wishes to Councillor S W Hayward who was to have an operation in the New Year.
- 2 The Mayor read out a letter of thanks from “Help for Heroes” in respect of her Beatles Night fund-raising event.
- 3 The Mayor reminded all Councillors who had not yet responded to her invitation to the Carol service on Sunday 20th December to contact the Office by tomorrow.

290/09 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

There were none received.

291/09 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER & 8TH DECEMBER 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 17th November and 8th December 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

292/09 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER & 17TH DECEMBER 2009

Proposed Amendment – Revenue Budget 2010/2011

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Briddock
SECONDED BY: Councillor S Matthews

That the election costs item be reduced to £2k from £6k and the amount for Hythe in Bloom be increased by £505.

The amendment was lost

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 19th November and the recommendations of the meeting of the 17th December 2009 be received and endorsed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

293/09 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17 B NO 72

Proposed By: Councillor A Smith

“That Hythe Town Council congratulates England’s Captain, Catherine Spencer, in her obtaining her 50th Cap for England as a Woman Rugby International. Catherine has lived in Earlsfield Road in Hythe and started her playing career playing mini-rugby for Folkestone. Hythe Town Council wishes her and her team all the very best for the 2010 World Cup”.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A Smith
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That the above written motion be accepted and endorsed.

294/09 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17 B NO 73

Proposed By: Councillor A J Ewart-James

“That Hythe Town Council congratulates Seabrook Church of England Primary School for coming top of the league tables of all primary schools in Kent in the recently published Key stage 2 SAT tests”.

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James

SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden

That “the Mayor writes to Seabrook Church of England Primary School to congratulate it for coming top of the league tables of all primary schools in Kent in the recently published Key stage 2 SAT tests”.

Amendment carried and the above resolution endorsed for adoption

295/09 HYTHE TOWN MEETING 25TH NOVEMBER 2009

Members discussed the previously circulated resolution following on from the Town Meeting held on the 25th November 2009, together with the letter from the Chairman of the above Town Meeting.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James

SECONDED BY: Councillor D Briddock and

RESOLVED – That the Town Meeting motion be noted.

296/09 HONORARY FREEMAN – TOWN CLERK’S REPORT 08/09 REFERS

Members discussed the previously circulated correspondence from Councillor M J Dearden requesting the appointment of Mr M Howard QC MP as an Honorary Freeman of Hythe. The previously circulated Town Clerk’s report 08/09 and enclosures explained the protocol.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Town Clerk’s Report, Hythe Town Council adopts the powers available under the Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 to appoint Honorary Freeman and Honorary Freewomen of the Town in accordance with Civic Protocol that relates, in recognition that its ancient right to do so withdrawn on its cessation as a Borough has now been rightfully returned, thanks to the Confederation of the Cinque Ports of which Hythe is a Principal Port and Corporate Member.

It was then further

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That an especially convened Council Meeting be called for the sole purpose of proposing The Right Honourable Michael Howard QC MP PC be made a Freeman of this Town with all the rights, privileges and authority which such a grant shall give to him.

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Briddock
SECONDED BY: Councillor S Matthews

That Councillor Peter Carroll be likewise honoured.

The amendment was not carried

297/09 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY & CIVIC PROCESSION

- (i) Members discussed the previously circulated correspondence from Mrs Cathy Owen in respect of the above.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the matter be referred to the Civic Working Group.

- (ii) Civic Working Group

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the Mayor and Past Mayors serving on the Council be appointed to the Civic Working Group.

298/09 KENT FIRE & RESCUE – INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010/2013

Members discussed the previously circulated letter from the Chief Fire Officer of Kent Fire & Rescue. A copy of the plan had been made available in the Office for Members' perusal.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That each Councillor make their own views known via the website on an individual basis only.

Meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2010

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